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Cuban Exile Calls Rioters Red Dupes

Former chief of the Cuban Air Force — Maj. Pedro Diaz Lanz — said here yesterday that Negro rioters are the unwitting dupes of communist agitators.

Lanz, who fled Cuba in 1959 after resigning his Air Force post, believes that 96 per cent of those participating in urban ghetto riots across the country aren't communists.

"NINETY-SIX per cent of us in Cuba weren't Reds, either," said Lanz. "We were fooled and used to destroy our country."

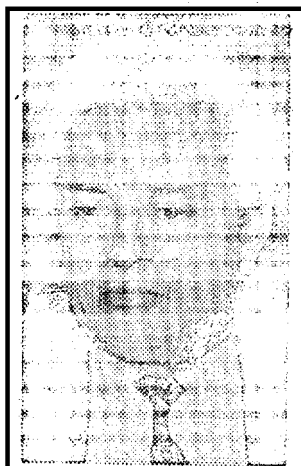
Charges of murder and attempted murder have been leveled by the Castro regime against Lanz claiming he dropped explosives along with propaganda leaflets over Cuba soon after he defected.

As a result, Lanz was jailed in the United States and released on bond.

The fiery little Latin had few good words to say for the Central Intelligence Agency, the State Department or President Johnson.

SAID HE: "The present administration is giving aid and comfort to the enemy . . . The U.S. Navy is protecting Cuba from invasion by Cuban refugees. Why aren't we allowed to liberate our country?"

Lanz is here on a three-week lecture tour sponsored by the local committee for T.A.C.T. — Truth About Civil Turmoil.



PEDRO DIAS LANZ

Cuban on a mission

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